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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1635

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08888.0530-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Patrick BENOIT et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Application No.: 10/005,337)	Examiner: Terra C. Gibbs
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Filed: December 7, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 9440
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For: SEQUENCES UPSTREAM OF THE)	Mail Stop AF
CARP GENE, VECTORS)	
CONTAINING THEM AND USES)	
THEREOF)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed June 30, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. By virtue of the shortened statutory period set by the Office, this reply is due by September 30, 2004, and is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.